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1. Between 16 and 18 March 1954, Soviet troops were continually detained in Fuerstenberg/Havel. On 16 March, the detained units left toward Menz via Rheinsberg. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and engineer insignia. Heavy weapons observed included numerous BA-64 armored scout cars, 152-mm field howitzers, 76-mm field guns, and 85-mm AT guns. The units were equipped with engineer equipment, billeting equipment, construction material and ration supplies.

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2. During the unloading on 17 March, source observed 32 T-34 tanks, 152-mm field howitzers, AT guns, heavy mortars and armored scout cars. The units went toward Menz and included vehicles with billeting equipment.

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On 18 March, in addition to troops, guns and tanks, 37-mm and 85-mm AA guns, were detained. All units were quartered in the woods in the Fuerstenberg-Menz-Neuglobsow-Dagow-Pelz forestry-Kuhl-Schoenhorn-Gross Menow-Steinfoerde area. The woods were cordoned off by military police.

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3. during the night on 16 March, 80 railroad carloads of troops, vehicles and heavy weapons were unloaded in Rheinsberg, 80 railroad carloads in Fuerstenberg, and 50 railroad carloads in Gransee. Between 16 and 18 March, the roads west of the Menz-Neuglobsow road were blocked. Control posts with flags were seen at all crossings in Fuerstenberg. Fifty trucks, including 20 towing 76.2-mm AT guns, were seen southwest of the Fuerstenberg railroad station. Each truck was occupied by about 25 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Two T-34/85 tanks were seen on the Gransee-Menz road, about 5 km southeast of Menz. Trucks were seen en route between Neuglobsow and Rheinsberg. The roads were no longer blocked on 18 March. In the evening, three large bivouac fires were seen only between Menz and Neuglobsow.

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mainly the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which subsequently participated in the exercises in the area west of the Berlin-Neubrandenburg railroad line.

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